

House Resolution No. 3261

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. James McNeely, cherished residents of Miller, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive celebration and dinner hosted by their daughter and grandchildren; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on April 23, 1944, James William McNeely, son of the late Allie Wilbur McNeely, Sr., Estelle Lela Tosh McNeely Radford, and Charles A. Radford, and Dorothy Fay Bearden, daughter of Albert Allen and Vera Edna Johnson Bearden, began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Erwin G. Benson in Pasadena, California; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. McNeely provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as the owner of a photography business for many years, while somehow finding the time and energy to serve on the City Council; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who paid her way through college by singing with a group, Mrs. McNeely enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a member of Highland Chapel-Free Methodist Church, as an assistant to her husband in his business, and as a Budget Analyst with the Pacific Missile Test Center, where she received several outstanding job performance awards; and

Whereas, James and Dorothy McNeely attribute their sixty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to come which include their two daughters, Katheryn Anderson and Cyndie McNeely; and their four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, throughout their blissful union, James and Dorothy McNeely have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for James and Dorothy McNeely upon the glorious celebration of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace and contentment as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. James McNeely.

Offered by _____
Representative Jack Goodman
District No. 132

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3261, adopted May 27, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker